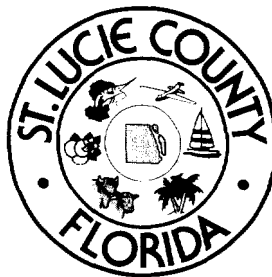


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**BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**



**COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR**

DOUGLAS M. ANDERSON

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Federal Communications Commission
Attention: Ms. Magalie Salas
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Salas:

This letter is a follow up to my letter dated February 21, 2001 supporting the Florida Public Service Commission petition to the Federal Communications Commission ("DA 01-341", "Docket No. 01-98"). I have enclosed Resolution No. 01-70 which was approved by the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners at their Board meeting on February 27, 2001. This Resolution supports preserving the 561 area code for Palm Beach County; and create a new area code for the Counties of St. Lucie, Martin, and Indian River with relief spanning twenty-four years into the future.

Please contact me if you should have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Douglas M. Anderson
County Administrator

DMA:es01-36

c: Board of County Commissioners
Don Cooper, City Manager, Port St. Lucie
Dennis Beach, City Manager, Fort Pierce
Robert Bradshaw, Assistant County Administrator
Dan McIntyre, County Attorney

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RESOLUTION NO. 01-70

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PETITION
TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION ("DA 01-341", "DOCKET NO.
96-98") TO PRESERVE THE 561 AREA CODE
FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY; AND CREATE
A NEW AREA CODE FOR THE COUNTIES OF
ST. LUCIE, MARTIN, AND INDIAN RIVER
WITH RELIEF SPANNING TWENTY-FOUR
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WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida, has made the following determinations:

1. On September 27, 2000, in a meeting with the Public Service Commission ("PSC") staff in West Palm Beach, representatives from our 561 area code region, and the Treasure Coast expressed overwhelming opposition to the PSC's ten-digit dialing recommendation.
2. Subsequent to that meeting the PSC sided with the request to allow Palm Beach County to keep its 561 area code and asked for a new area code to be provided for the Treasure Coast.
3. Unfortunately, the federal contractor who assigns area codes turned down the state's request citing a federal regulation that violated industry-developed guidelines that require the codes to last at least five years.
4. This matter will be decided by the Federal Communications Commission in the near future.
5. This Board believes that the state plan which was approved by the PSC which extends the 561 area code life a minimum of three years is the best alternative to all concerned.
6. This Board further believes that with the addition of new technology and the implementation of number conservation measures the 561 area code would have a much longer than

projected life span. Additionally, through this plan, Indian River, St. Lucie, and Martin Counties would enjoy a new area code with relief spanning twenty-four years into the future.

7. This Board further believes that the residents of Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast would be accommodated with the adoption of a plan that creates a new area code for the Treasure Coast, preserves the 561 area code for Palm Beach County, and eliminates the need for 10-digit dialing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida:

1. This Board does hereby support the Florida Public Service Commission Petition to the Federal Communications Commission ("DA No. 01-341", "CC Docket No. 96-98") to preserve the 561 area code for Palm Beach County; and create a new area code for the counties of St. Lucie, Martin, and Indian River with relief spanning twenty-four years into the future.

2. The County Administrator is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to the Federal Communications Commission, Attention Ms. Magalie Salas, 445 12th Street S.W., Room TW-B204, Washington, DC 20554; Tim Vaccaro, Florida Public Service Commission, Capital Circle Office Center, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0872; and The Honorable Ron Klein, State Senator, District 28, 406 Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32358-1100.

After motion and second the vote on this resolution was as follows:

Chairman Frannie Hutchinson	AYE
Vice-Chairman Doug Coward	AYE
Commissioner Paula A. Lewis	AYE

Commissioner Cliff Barnes

AYE

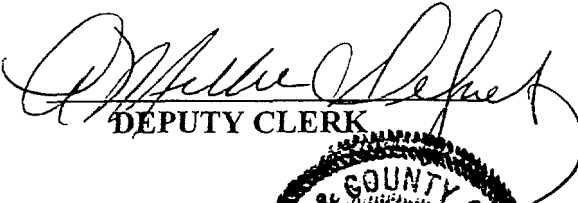
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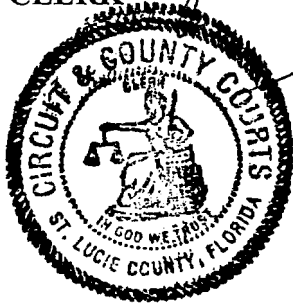
AYE

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 27th day of February, 2001.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

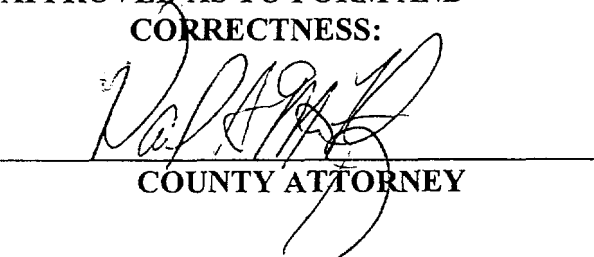

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BY: 

CHAIRMAN

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
CORRECTNESS:**


COUNTY ATTORNEY